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Letter dated 25 August 1995 from the Permanent Representative of Cyprus to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to draw your attention to more aggressive actions by the Government of Turkey against the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Republic of Cyprus.

Following the provocative construction of military fortifications along the cease-fire line (our letter A/49/948-S/1995/602 of 21 July 1995 is relevant) and at the Roccas bastion in Nicosia, a matter which was taken up by the Security Council in July 1995, Turkey has continued unabated its blatant disrespect of Cyprus' sovereignty and territorial integrity. Thus, on 23 August 1995, a formation of two Turkish airforce RF4, aerial reconnaissance aircraft, entered Cyprus airspace at 1143 hours and flew over Cyprus, first in a west-east direction from Morphou Bay to the Karpass Peninsula, and then in an east-west direction, from the Karpass peninsula along Cyprus' southern coast to Paphos, exiting Cyprus' airspace at 1230 hours in the direction of Turkey.

On behalf of the Government of the Republic of Cyprus I wish to protest strongly the new violation of the airspace of the Republic, which is indicative not only of Turkey's customary disrespect of the sovereignty and territorial integrity of a neighbouring country but also of the disrespect Turkey shows for the Charter of the United Nations and for the resolutions and decisions of the General Assembly and Security Council on the question of Cyprus.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the forty-ninth session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 51, and of the Security Council.

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